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1. SINCE MAKARIOS' RETURN TO ATHENS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (REFTEL) THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS TO THE CROWD AT SYNTAGMA SQUARE, A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE, AND SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT HIS PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES HERE HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

2. ACCORDING TO SATURDAY MORNING PRESS, MAKARIOS, AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO GOG AND GREEK PEOPLE FOR THEIR RECEPTION OF HIM, SAID THAT:

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A. "JOYOUS MANIFESTATIONS OF THIS MOMENT ARE UNFORTUNATELY

OVERSHADOWED BY DEEP MOURNING FOR THE CYPRIOT TRAGEDY, WHOSE CAUSE AND EXECUTOR WAS THE JUNTA. THEY ORGANIZED AND EXECUTED THE SENSELESS COUP OF JULY 15. WHEN I SPEAK OF THIS JUNTA, I MEAN A GROUP OF PUTSCHISTS IN MILITARY UNIFORM, AND NOT THE ARMED FORCES OF GREECE, WHICH I HOLD IN GREAT ESTEEM.

B. THIS COUP WAS AIMED AT ME. THE PUTSCHISTS WANTED MY PHYSICAL EXTERMINATION FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH. BY THEIR INSANE ACT, THE PUTSCHISTS OPENED THE GATES OF CYPRUS TO TURKEY AND THE ISLAND LIVES THROUGH TRAGIC DRAMA.

C. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT DEVELOPMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN CYPRUS, AND WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THIS TRAGEDY WILL BE. SUCCESSFUL HANDLING OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM NEEDS ADOPTION OF A JOINT, ALL-PARTY LINE, BOTH IN ATHENS AND NICOSIA.

D. I AM RETURNING, NOT TO REVIVE OLD WOUNDS, BUT TO EXTEND MY HAND HOLDING AN OLIVE BRANCH FOR ALL, INCLUDING TURKISH CO-INHABITANTS. BUT I REFUSE TO OFFER 'EARTH AND WATER'. MY SINCERE WISH IS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH WILL FULLY INSURE THE RIGHTS OF THE CO-INHABITANT TURKS, BUT DO NOT VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS.

E. WE ARE READY TO NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION WITH THE TURKISH CO-INHABITANTS WHICH WILL GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNMENT. BUT IN NO CASE SHALL WE GIVE CONSENT TO THE FORCEFUL DISPLACEMENT OF POPULATIONS OR THE CREATION OF PREREQUISITES FOR PARTITION OF THE ISLAND."

3. AT A BRIEF MEETING WITH THE PRESS THE ARCHBISHOP SAID:

A. "HE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HIS TALKS WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

B. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC PROGRAMME FOR HIS TALKS IN ATHENS.

C. HE WILL RETURN TO CYPRUS ON DECEMBER 6."

4. TODAY'S SCHEDULE INCLUDES PRIVATE MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS AT 10:30 AND FONOFF MEETING AT 11:00. GREEK PARTICIPANTS, IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITION TO CARAMANLIS, WILL INCLUDE FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF, FOREIGN UNDER SECRETARY VARVITSIOTIS, GREEK AMBASSADOR TO NICOSIA DOUNTAS, AND AMBASSADORS JOHN TZOUNIS AND ANDREAS METAXAS. CYPRIOTS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ARCHBISHOP, CLERIDES, FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDIS AND AS'T SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT TASOS PAPADOPOULOS. PRESS REPORTS THAT MAJOR GENERAL EFTHYMOS KARAGIANNIS, COMMANDER OF CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD MAY ALSO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING,

AT 1:30 P.M., CARAMANLIS WILL HOST LUNCHEON FOR MAKARIOS.

5. TOMORROW MORNING (SUNDAY), MAKARIOS IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT
POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL TO PAY TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS KILLED IN NOVEMBER
1973. THE PROGRAM FOR REMAINDER OF HIS STAY IN ATHENS HAS NOT YET
BEEN ANNOUNCED.
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